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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM BOSTON-AMSTERDAM SERVICE

1. PAN AM'S PRESENT SERVICE FROM BOSTON TO LONDON IS
LIKELY TO BE TERMINATED BY UK ON JUNE 15. THIS IS BE-
CAUSE U.S. HAS LIMITED RIGHTS UNDER BERMUDA II AGREEMENT
TO DUAL U.S. AIRLINE SERVICE, AND ON JUNE 15 U.S. WILL BE
ELECTING TO TRANSFER FROM BOSTON TO LOS ANGELES ONE OF ITS
RIGHTS OF DUAL DESIGNATION. U.S. IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING
TO GET UK ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUATION OF BOSTON-LONDON
SERVICE BY PAN AM, BUT IT IS VERY UNLIKELY UK AGREEMENT
WILL BE OBTAINED IN TIME TO ALLOW BOSTON SERVICE AFTER
JUNE 15. TALKS ARE SCHEDULED IN LONDON ON ISSUE BE-
GINNING JUNE 21, BUT AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME IS ALSO
UNLIKELY.

2. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, PAN AM WILL ANNOUNCE TOMORROW
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THAT IT HOPES TO INITIATE A LOW-FARE BOSTON-AMSTERDAM
SERVICE ON JUNE 15. ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE 2:00 PM
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME. FILINGS FOR SHORT-NOTICE TARIFF
APPROVAL WILL BE MADE WITH USCAB AND DUTCH AUTHORITIES
DURING COURSE OF DAY.

3. PAN AM HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DESIGNATED BY U.S. TO

PROVIDE THE SUBJECT SERVICE, AND HAS NECESSARY CERTIFICATE POWERS. ONLY AUTHORITY NOW LACKING IS APPROVAL OF FARES. THIS IS TO BE A LOW-FARE, NO-FRILLS SERVICE. LOCAL PAN AM REP SHOULD HAVE DETAILS OF PROPOSED FARES AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ON TUESDAY MORNING.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT DUTCH OFFICIALS ON TUESDAY MORNING IN EFFORT TO SECURE DUTCH COOPERATION IN SPEEDY APPROVAL OF PAN AM FILING. POINTS THAT COULD BE MADE ARE:

-- A. PAN AM HAS READY ACCESS TO LARGE BOSTON MARKET NOW BEING FLOWN TO LONDON; THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AMSTERDAM TO SECURE IMMEDIATE NEW FLOW OF TOURISTS.

-- B. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE CONTINUED EUROPEAN SERVICE FROM BOSTON BY PAN AM, AND THUS THE PAN AM FILING IS OF MORE THAN ROUTINE INTEREST TO U.S. THIS OPERATION, WHICH IS OF THE TYPE CONTEMPLATED BY THE RECENT U.S.-DUTCH AGREEMENT, WOULD REINFORCE PRESENT U.S. FEELINGS THAT DUTCH ARE A MAJOR ALLY IN CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS.

-- C. IF DUTCH HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN APPROVING PAN AM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FILING ON A SHORT-NOTICE BASIS, THEY ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY TO SEE IF PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED. WE HOPE, IN ANY EVENT, THAT PAN AM SERVICE CAN BE INITIATED JUNE 15, WITH ANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ON FARES OR OTHER ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED ON PROMPT BASIS THEREAFTER. IT IS IMPORTANT TO U.S. THAT BOSTON SERVICE NOT BE INTERRUPTED.

5. FYI. DOT SECRETARY ADAMS MAY TELEPHONE SEC OF STATE SMIT-KROES IN COURSE OF DAY TO MAKE ABOVE POINTS AS WELL. TO REPEAT, THIS FARE FILING IS OF IMPORTANCE TO U.S. AVIATION INTERESTS, GIVEN HARD LINE WHICH UK IS TAKING TOWARDS BOSTON-LONDON SERVICE, AND NEED TO CONTINUE PAN AM SERVICE FROM BOSTON.

6. TO COMMENCE ON JUNE 15, PAN AM OPERATION WILL NEED APPROVAL OF USCAB AS WELL AS DUTCH OFFICIALS. THE FORMER IS EXPECTED BUT NOT CERTAIN. VANCE

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